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FABLES COMPANY, INCORPORATED  
TINY TOTS COMICS, INCORPORATED  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York, New York  
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G-2, Department of the Army, has advised that since December 1951 the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence, has received comic books from various commands throughout the United States and overseas. These comic books have been published at 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City and at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. You will observe that your investigation captioned "Man, Comic Book Published By Newsstand Publishers, Incorporated, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, Sedition," your file 14-363, has previously furnished information concerning comic books published at 350 Fifth Avenue and the persons responsible for them. (S)(u)

G-2 has advised that a review of the contents of these comic books reveals that some of the material is detrimental to the morale of combat soldiers and emphasizes the horrors, hardships and futility of war. These comic books portray the seemingly needless sacrifices due to blunders on the part of officers and demonstrate the lack of protection to the United States forces against the trickery of the enemy. G-2 considers these publications subversive because they tend to discredit the army and undermine troop morale by presenting a picture of the inevitability of personal disaster in combat. (S)(u)

With respect to the comic books published at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City, G-2 advises it has observed the following comic books reportedly published there: (S)(u)

(1) "Two-Fisted Tales" published by Fables Publishing Company, Incorporated, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. (S)(X)(u)

(2) "Frontline Combat" published by Tiny Tots Comics, Incorporated, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. (S)(X)(u)

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Harvey Kurtzman is listed as the editor of both of these publications and the names of William M. Gaines and [redacted] are also mentioned as affiliated with those publications. (S)(X)(U)

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It is requested that you institute an immediate investigation to ascertain the names of the incorporators and officers of Fables Company, Incorporated and Tiny Tots Comics, Incorporated, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City, and the persons directly responsible for the publication and distribution of the comic books together with background information which might be of assistance in determining the true purposes of the publications. It is also requested that an effort be made to determine the method of distributing the publications, whether they are sold at newsstands, by subscription or are sent free of charge without any request therefor on the part of the recipients. It is also desired that you furnish information concerning the dissemination of these publications and advise whether an effort is made to reach any certain class of persons by this dissemination such as those having obligations under the Universal Military Training and Service Act or members of the Armed Forces. If you receive information that any members of the Armed Forces have received copies of these comic books it is requested that you furnish the names, addresses and military status of such persons. (U)

The Bureau has not previously received copies of the comic books published at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City, and if possible two copies of these publications should be obtained and forwarded to the Bureau. Upon the completion of your investigation the facts concerning the dissemination of these comic books will be presented to the Department of Justice for its opinion concerning possible violation of the Sedition Statutes. (U)

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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney  
Criminal Division

April 29, 1952

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**FABLES COMPANY, INCORPORATED**  
**TINY TOTS COMICS, INCORPORATED**  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York, New York  
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Reference is made to your memorandum of January 14, 1952, entitled "Man, Comic Book Published by Newstand Publications, Incorporated, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York, Sedition, Internal Security - C," your reference 146-28-new, DFO. (S)(M)(U)

G-2, Department of the Army, has advised that since December 1951 the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Intelligence, has received comic books from various commands throughout the United States and overseas. These comic books have been published at 350 Fifth Avenue and 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. You will observe that those published at 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, are the comic books concerned in the referenced investigation. With respect to the comic books published at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City, G-2 advises that it has observed the following comic books reportedly published there: (S)(M)(U)

(1) "Two-Fisted Tales" published by Fables Publishing Company, Incorporated, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. (S)(M)(U)

(2) "Frontline Combat" published by Tiny Tots Comics, Incorporated, 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. (S)(M)(U)

Harvey Kurtzman is listed as the editor of both of these publications and the names of William M. Gaines and [redacted] are also mentioned as affiliated with those publications. (S)(M)(U)

G-2, Department of the Army, has advised that a review of the contents of these comic books reveals that some of the (S)(M)(U)

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material is detrimental to the morale of combat soldiers and emphasizes the horrors, hardships and fatality of war. These comic books portray the seemingly needless sacrifices due to blunders on the part of officers and demonstrate the lack of protection to the United States forces against the trickery of the enemy. G-2 considers these publications subversive because they tend to discredit the army and undermine troop morale by presenting a picture of the inevitability of personal disaster in combat. (S)(X)(U)

An investigation is being instituted to ascertain the names of the incorporators and officers of the Fables Company, Incorporated and Tiny Tots Comics, Incorporated, and the persons responsible for the publication and distribution of these comic books along the lines suggested in the referenced memorandum. You will be furnished the results of this investigation as soon as available. (U)

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: COMIC BOOKS CONSIDERED POSSIBLY  
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Reference is made to your memorandum of April 8, 1952, concerning comic books considered possibly subversive which are reportedly published at 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. For your information the reports of Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau, made at New York, New York, dated January 29, 1952, and February 8, 1952, entitled "'Man,' Comic Book Published by Newsstand Publications, Incorporated, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York, Sedition, Internal Security - C," which were furnished to your office on April 8, 1952, contained information concerning the comic books published at 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City. These reports reflect that [redacted] are the officers of the publications published at this address. The facts concerning the publication and distribution of these comic books are under consideration by the Department of Justice to determine if they involve a violation of the Sedition Statutes. (u)

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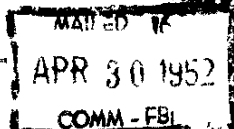
Investigation is being instituted concerning Fables Company, Incorporated and Tiny Tots Comics, Incorporated, 225 Lafayette Street, New York, New York, mentioned in your referenced letter to determine the nature of these publications and the persons responsible for them. You will be furnished the results of this investigation when available. (u)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>JUN 4 1952</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/12, 21, 23/52</b>	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div> b7C
TITLE <b>WILLIAM M. GAINES;</b> <b>Fables Company, Inc.; Tiny Tots, Inc.,</b> <b>225 Lafayette Street, New York, New York</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SEDITION;</b> <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

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**DECLASSIFIED BY SP8BT/KCS**  
**ON 5-20-97**  
**PER OSA LETTER DATED 12-10-96**

The comic books "Two-Fisted Tales", published by the Fables Publishing Co., Inc. and "Frontline Combat", published by Tiny Tots Comics, located at 225 Lafayette Street, NYC, have been reported as containing material which is detrimental to the morale of combat soldiers and emphasizes the horrors, hardships and futility of war. The owners of these publications are  

  **WILLIAM M. GAINES** and   Investigation reflects that **HARVEY KURTZMAN** is the editor of instant publications. Background information on the above individuals set out. NY informants negative on these individuals.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation was predicated on information received from Confidential Informant   another government agency, who advised that since December, 1951 it has received comic books from various commands

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throughout the United States and overseas. Some of these comic books have been published at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. (u)

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that a review of the contents of these comic books reveals that some of the material is detrimental to the morale of the combat soldiers and emphasizes the horrors, hardships and futility of war. These comic books portray the seemingly needless sacrifices due to blunders on the part of officers and demonstrate the lack of protection to the United States forces against the trickery of the enemy. b2

b2 [ ] considers these publications subversive because they tend to discredit the Army and undermine troop morale by presenting a picture of the inevitability of personal disaster in combat. (u)

Confidential Informant [ ] advised that the following comic books have been published at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City: (u)

"Two-Fisted Tales" published by Fables Publishing Company (u)

"Frontline Combat" published by Tiny Tots, Inc. (u)

On May 12, 1952, Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, made available the following information from an application for a second class mail permit dated July 27, 1950: (u) b2 b7D

This application reflected that the former title of the publication "Two-Fisted Tales" was "Haunt of Fear". The title of this application was changed on July 27, 1950 to its present caption. "Two-Fisted Tales" is printed bimonthly and published by the Fables Publishing Company, Inc., 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. The signature on this application was that of [ ] (u) b7C

From a similar type of application dated August 22, 1950 it reflected that "Two-Fisted Tales", a bimonthly publication published by the Fables Publishing Company, Inc., 225 Lafayette Street, New York City, has the following owners and principal stockholders: (u)

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WILLIAM A. GAINES (u)

This publication printed 352,000 copies of Volume 1, #18, issue dated November-December, 1950. The application reflected that 350,000 copies were consigned to news agents at 5½ cents. (u)

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In a letter dated August 21, 1950, the ~~Leader News Company, Inc.~~, national distributor of magazines, 114 East 47th Street, New York City, confirmed an agreement to purchase 350,000 copies of the November-December 1950 issue of "Two-Fisted Tales". This letter was signed by [redacted] (u) b7C

b2 On May 12, 1952, Confidential Informant [redacted] made available  
b7D the following information from an application for a second class mail permit dated February 27, 1951: (u)

The comic book "Frontline Combat", published by Tiny Tots Comics, Inc., 225 Lafayette Street, New York City, sets out as owners and principal stockholders the following: (u)

J. K. GAINES

WILLIAM M. GAINES

ELAINE B. GAINES

(u) COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

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This publication printed 351,000 copies of Volume 1, #1, July-August, 1951 issue. The application reflects that 350,000 copies of this publication were consigned to news agents at 5½ cents. (u)

In a letter dated February 5, 1951 the Leader News Company, Inc., national distributor of magazines, 114 East 47th Street, New York City, confirmed agreement to purchase 350,000 copies of "Frontline Combat" #1 dated July-August, 1951. This letter was signed by [redacted] (u) b7C

A review of these publications reflects that WILLIAM M. GAINES is Managing Editor and HARVEY KURTZMAN is Editor. (u)

Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, b2 furnished the following information on the Fables Publishing Company, Inc. and Tiny Tots Comics, Inc., both of 225 Lafayette Street, New York City: b7D (u)

The above corporations were reported to have been chartered under New York laws since March, 1942. The present officers were elected in September, 1947, after the death of (u)

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MAX GAINES, former President and Treasurer, and include: (u)

JESSIE P. GAINES, President and Treasurer

WILLIAM M. GAINES, Vice-President

ELAINE B. GAINES, Secretary

} (u)

The present officers are all members of the family of the former President, MAX GAINES. (u)

~~Mr. [redacted]~~ Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that

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Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that WILLIAM M. GAINES was born in 1922 in the United States. He had assisted his father, the former MAX GAINES, in this line of business. (u)

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that

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Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that the present officers of these publications also hold similar positions in the following corporations: (u)

~~X~~ I. C. Publishing Company, Inc. (u)

~~X~~ Educational Comics, Inc. (u)

Both are located at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City (u)

The following information was obtained from the issue of "Two-Fisted Tales", Volume 1, #28, July-August, 1952: (u)

It reflected that HARVEY KURTZILIAN was born in New York City on October 3, 1924. He attended the High School of Music and Art and Cooper Union for two years. It also stated that (u)

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KURTZMAN was in the United States Army. This publication also notes that KURTZMAN'S wife is ADELE and that they presently reside at 1151 Broadway, New York City. (u)

The New York indices reflected no information on the following: (u)

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[redacted]  
WILLIAM M. GAINES  
[redacted] } (u)

Two copies each of the comic books "Two-Fisted Tales", July-August, 1952 issue, and "Frontline Combat", July-August, 1952 issue, are enclosed for the Bureau. (u)

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Two photostatic copies of the comic book "Two-Fisted Tales", published by Fables Company, Inc., July-August, 1952 issue, Volume 1, #28. (u)

Two photostatic copies of the comic book "Frontline Combat", published by Tiny Tots Comics, Inc., July-August, 1952 issue, Volume 1, #7. (u)

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Will develop all available background information on the individuals connected with these publications. (u)

Will discreetly determine the method of distribution of these publications from the Leader News Company, national distributor of magazines, 114 East 47th Street, New York City. (u)

REFERENCE

Bureau Letter to New York, 4/29/52 (u)



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Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney  
Criminal Division

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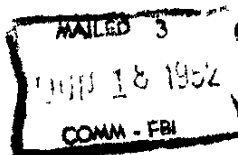
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Reference is made to my memorandum of April 29, 1952, concerning the comic books emanating from 225 Lafayette Street, New York City.

There is enclosed one copy of the investigative report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 4, 1952, at New York, New York. Also enclosed are one copy of the July-August 1952 issue of "Two-Fisted Tales" and one copy of the July-August issue of "Frontline Combat."

Additional investigation is being conducted to develop available background information concerning the individuals connected with these publications and to determine the method of distribution of the publications by the Leader News Company, national distributors of magazines, 114 East 47th Street, New York City. You will be furnished the results of this additional investigation as soon as available.

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Date: June 18, 1952

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [redacted] et al b7C  
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[redacted] Tots, Incorporated  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York, New York  
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DATE 4-11-96 BY SP-6 BSC/BPC

Reference is made to your memorandum of April 8, 1952, captioned "Comic Books Considered Possibly Subversive" and my memorandum of April 29, 1952, captioned "Comic Books Considered Possibly Subversive, Information Concerning."

There is enclosed one copy of the investigative report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 4, 1952, at New York, New York, reflecting the investigation conducted to date concerning the comic books "Two-Fisted Tales" and "Frontline Combat" published at 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. Additional investigation is being conducted and you will be furnished the results thereof as soon as available.

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Undeveloped leads in your district awaiting attention.

Rerep SA  8/28/52, New York, in the above-captioned matter. b7C

Reference is made to pages 1, 2, and 3 of rerep wherein records of the Selective Service System were inadvertently set out without the benefit of a T symbol. Attached are five copies of amended report. It is requested that they be inserted in the Bureau file. The New York Office has changed its copies of rerep accordingly.

S.A.C. LELAND V. BOARDMAN  
Office New York

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(In intra office use return this with notation as to action taken or explanation.)

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[ ] stated that the writing, editing and art work is done at 225 Lafayette Street. A copy is then forwarded to the Clement Company, Buffalo, New York, which prints the books. (u)

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The Informant stated that WILLIAM GAINES is the owner of Educational Comics and [ ] (whose true name the Informant believes is [ ] is the General Manager. (u)

The records of the Selective Service System, as reviewed by SE [ ] under the Selective Service Act of 1940 reflect that [ ]

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[REDACTED] (u) b7C

The records of the Selective Service System failed to reflect any record for subject WILLIAM M. GAINES. (u)

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, Bureau of Criminal Identification and the New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] reflected no record for the subjects. (u) b7C

Records of the Board of Elections, City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, as reviewed by SE [REDACTED] reflected no record for [REDACTED] New York City. (u) b7C

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as reviewed by SE [REDACTED] reflect that in a report dated December 14, 1951 [REDACTED] b7C  
[REDACTED] No further information was listed in the report. (u)

Confidential Informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] all of known reliability, who are familiar with Communist activities in the New York City area, advised that the subjects were unknown to them. (u) b2 b7D

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to develop all available background information on the individuals connected with subject publications.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (continued)

REFERENCE

Report of SA 100-383444... 6/4/52, New York. (26)

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Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray  
Criminal Division

September 16, 1952

Director, FBI

b7C [redacted] et al.,  
OFABLES COMPANY, INC.,  
OTINY TOTS, INC.  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York, New York  
SEDITION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
FBI file 100-383747-6

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ON 10-6-92  
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EX. 73 Reference is made to my memorandum of June 18, 1952,  
on the captioned matter.

There is enclosed for your further consideration  
one copy of the investigative report of Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] dated August 28, 1952, at New York, New York, entitled

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[redacted] et al., Sedition, Internal Security - C."  
It is requested that you advise whether or not  
you feel the facts developed constitute a violation of the  
Sedition Statutes and if further investigation is warranted.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

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<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW YORK</p>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">8/28/52</p>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">6/3,5,19,23,30; 7/28;8/13,22/52</p>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>
<b>TITLE</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">ET AL</p>		<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">SEDITION INTERNAL SECURITY - C</p>	
<div style="float: left; width: 30%; font-size: small;"> <b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>   <p>12-1552 Corrected pages revised in report to New York, ONI by OSI Serial 100-383747 8 &amp; 2 pages revised back</p> </div> <div style="float: right; width: 65%;"> <p>Confidential informant advises that Leader News Company, NYC, distributes subject comic books directly to news dealers throughout the US, Honolulu, and the Philippine Islands in bulk. He stated there is no personal mailing list or subscription list emanating from the Leader News Company. All writing, editing, and art work is done at subject firm's offices at 225 Lafayette Street, NYC, and the printing is completed at the Clement Company, Buffalo, NY. Information provided by Confidential Informant [redacted] set forth. No record for subjects at BSSI, BCI of NYCPD. Credit Bureau records reflect [redacted] [redacted] NY. Board of Elections records on subject [redacted] reflect no registration at [redacted] Confidential informants familiar with Communist activities in NYC advised subjects are unknown to them. (U)</p> </div> <div style="clear: both;"></div>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <p style="text-align: center;">LVB 92</p>		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b> <p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>	
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> <p>5 Bureau (100-383747) (RM) 3 New York (14-366)</p>		<p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;">100-383747-6X</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">RECORDED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DEC 10 1952</p>	

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Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised in 1942 that

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[REDACTED] (u)  
Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that he had no knowledge of WILLIAM M. GAINES. (u)

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation and the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA [REDACTED] reflected no record for the subjects. (u)

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b2 b7D	[redacted]	6/19/52	6/19/52	[redacted]	Instant report
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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will continue to develop all available background information on the individuals connected with subject publications.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] New York, 6/4/52.

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100-383747

Date: September 16, 1952

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: [redacted] et al.,  
FABLES COMPANY, INC.,  
TINY TOTS, INC.  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York, New York  
SEDITION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10-5-92 BY 1048 DKM/LMB  
12/9/93 9803 RAO/KFA  
# 37443  
4-12-96 SP3 BTJ/CL 363,434

Reference is made to my memorandum of June 18, 1952, in the captioned matter.

There is enclosed for your information one copy of the investigative report of Special Agent [redacted] dated August 28, 1952, at New York, New York, entitled [redacted] et al., Sedition, Internal Security - C."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-383747) DATE: 9/29/52

FROM : SAC, New York (14-366)

SUBJECT:  et al

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INTERNAL SECURITY

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Declassify on: OADR

b7C Enclosed herewith are five copies of New York report by SA  dated 9/29/52 in the above captioned matter.

It will be noted that in a letter from WFO to (u) NY, 11/5/45, in the case entitled [SODAC, NYC, IS-R, New York report 100-24-954, the following information was supplied by Confidential Informant  whose identity is known to the Bureau. This letter stated that due to the highly confidential nature of the informant's services, the contents of the letter must not under any circumstances be disclosed to any person outside the Bureau. (e)(u)

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ON *11/21/01*

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ON *11/21/01*

It will be further noted that

Inasmuch as the WFO advised extreme caution be exercised regarding the identity of Confidential Informant  this information was not included in the details of the enclosed report. (e)(u)

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Letter to Director  
NY 14-366

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Also attached are the following comic books received from [redacted] b7C  
NYC, who requested that his name be kept confidential. (u) b7D

~~"Frontline Combat"~~ January-February, 1953 issue,  
published by Tiny Tots Comics, Inc., 225 Lafayette  
Street, NYC. (u)

~~"Two Fisted Tales"~~ September-October, 1952 issue,  
published by Fables Publishing Company, Inc., 225  
Lafayette Street, NYC. (u)

~~"Mad"~~ October-November, 1952 issue, published by  
Educational Comics, Inc., 225 Lafayette Street, NYC. (u)

The comic book entitled "Mad" was referred to in  
New York report of SA [redacted] dated August 28, b7C  
1952 in the above captioned matter and was believed at that  
time to deal with the horrors of war. (u)

No further investigation will be conducted in this  
case pending a decision by the Department of Justice as to  
whether these comic books constitute a violation of the  
Sedition statutes, unless otherwise advised by the Bureau. (u)

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NEW YORK:

At New York, New York:

Will await the opinion of the Department of Justice as to whether these comic books constitute a violation of the Sedition statutes.

REFERENCE: New York report of SA  8/28/52.

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SAC, New York (14-366)

October 13, 1952

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
[REDACTED] made at New York dated August 28, 1952.

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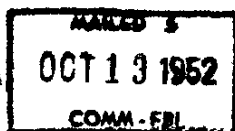
There are enclosed for your information two copies  
of a memorandum from the Criminal Division, Department of  
Justice, captioned [REDACTED] et al., Fables Company,  
Inc., Tiny Tots, Inc., 225 Lafayette Street, New York, New  
York, Sedition, Internal Security - C," relating to this  
matter.

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Assistant Attorney General Charles B. Murray  
Criminal Division

October 14, 1952

Director, FBI

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① [redacted] et al  
FABLES COMPANY, INC.  
TINY TOTS, INC.  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York, New York  
SEDITION  
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DECLASSIFIED BY 1048DKM/LMA  
ON 10-5-92  
12/9/93 9802 RDD/KFA # 374431  
4-12-96 SP3BT/cc 363,434

Reference is made to my memorandum of September 16, 1952, in the captioned matter.

There is enclosed for your further consideration one copy of the investigative report of Special Agent [redacted] dated September 29, 1952, at New York, entitled [redacted] et al; Sedition; Internal Security - C."

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Date: October 14, 1952  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Chief, Security Division

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Subject: [redacted] et al  
PARLES COMPANY, INC.  
TINY TOTS, INC.  
225 Lafayette Street  
New York, New York  
SEDITION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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ON 10-5-93  
12/9/93 2803 RDD/KFA#574431  
4-12-96 57380/CL 363,434

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI (100-383747)

DATE: 3/10/53

FROM : SAC, New York (14-366)

SUBJECT:  et alSEDITION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Reference is made to a letter to the Bureau from CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division dated 10/7/52 which states that the comic books published by subject Corporation were being considered with comic books published at 350 5th Avenue, New York City for violation of the sedition statute. (X)(U)

By letter dated 1/13/53 to the Bureau from CHARLES B. MURRAY, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division captioned "MAN" comic book, Published by Newsstand Publications Inc., Sedition; Internal Security - C; Bureau file 14-2856, the Department advised that prosecution of  cannot be

undertaken under the Sedition statutes. This letter further requested investigation of nine individuals who are believed to be artists and writers for "MAN" comic books. (X)(U)

It is requested that the Bureau ascertain from the Department whether or not the subject comic books were considered along with "MAN" comics or whether they were separately examined and if so what conclusions it has come to concerning the subject. (U)

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Reurlet dated March 10, 1953. (u)

The Criminal Division, Department of Justice, as reflected in its memorandum of October 7, 1952, is conducting a comparative study of the comic books concerned in the captioned investigation with those involved in the investigation entitled "Man' Comic Book Published by Newsstand Publications, Inc., Sedition, Internal Security - C," your file 14-363. No determination, therefore, will be made by the Department concerning the captioned comic books until the investigation requested by your office in Bureau letter to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, dated January 27, 1953, captioned "Man' Comic Book Published by Newsstand Publications, Inc., Sedition, Internal Security - C," has been completed. (u)

The results of the additional investigation requested in the above-mentioned letter to the Criminal Division dated January 27, 1953, should be furnished as soon as possible in order that these two matters may be brought to a logical conclusion. (u)

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ON 4-28-97  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Form No. 1

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TITLE <b>b7C</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div> <b>Et Al</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SEDITION</b> <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Department of Justice advised on 12/9/53 that a review of reports and comic books in instant matter does not disclose that the subjects of the investigation had the required specific intent towards the acts prescribed by law and that in the absence of proof beyond a reasonable doubt of such specific intent on their part prosecution under the sedition statute is not warranted. (X)(U)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><del>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</del></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DECLASSIFIED BY <b>SP3BTO/ce</b> ON <b>6-30-97</b> PER <b>CGA LETTER DATED 2-11-97</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">10-9-92 Classified by <b>1048 DKM/LMB</b> Declassify on <b>OADR</b> <b>12/9/95 9803 KAD/KGA</b> <b>#374431</b></p>	
DETAILS <b>At New York, New York</b>			
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In the absence of proof beyond a reasonable doubt of such specific intent on their part, the Department advised that prosecution under the sedition statute is not warranted. (R)(J)

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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED] 12/2/53, New York.  
Department letter to the Bureau, 12/9/53.  
Bureau letter to New York, 12/15/53. (24)

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Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney III  
Criminal Division

January 7, 1954

Director, FBI

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FABLES COMPANY INCORPORATED  
TINY TOTS INCORPORATED  
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Your Reference 146-28-2203, DFG  
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Reference is made to the memorandum from the  
Criminal Division dated October 7, 1952.

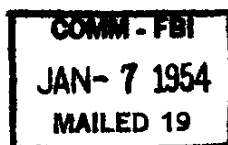
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TO : Director, FBI (100-383747)

DATE: 1/18/54

FROM : SAC, New York (14-366)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] et al b7C

FABLES COMPANY, INCORPORATED  
TINY TOTS COMICS, INCORPORATED  
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Rebulet to Department, 1/7/54. (u)

Referenced letter requested that the Department advise whether the facts in this matter constitute a violation of the sedition statute. (u)

A Department letter to the Bureau dated 10/7/52 advised that the captioned comic books were being considered together with numerous other comic books published at 350 5th Avenue, New York City, and that a comparative study was being made of all the comic books submitted. (X)(u)

It is noted that the comic books published at 350 5th Avenue, New York City, refer to the investigation in New York file 14-366, Bufile 14-2856 captioned, "MAN" COMIC BOOK PUBLISHED BY NEWSSTAND PUBLICATIONS, INC., 270 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y." SEDITION INTERNAL SECURITY - C. (u)

On December 9, 1953 the Department advised that a review of comic books in reports submitted reflected that prosecution under the sedition statute was not warranted. It was assumed by the New York Office that this opinion included the comic books in captioned matter and therefore, a closing report was submitted on December 30, 1953 by SA [REDACTED] at New York, reflecting the decision of the Department.

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In the event the Department desires further investigation in this matter, this case will be reopened. Until such time as a decision is rendered by the Department, the New York Office will continue to keep the captioned matter in a closed status UACB. (u)

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Wick

FROM : Mr. A. Jones

SUBJECT : PLAYBOY MAGAZINE  
MAY, 1967, ISSUE  
"LITTLE ANNIE FANNY" COLUMN

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

The current issue of "Playboy" magazine includes a comic strip entitled "Little Annie Fanny" written by a Harvey Kurtzman and Will Elder. The "plot" of the story relates to the kidnaping in Nevada of a nuclear physicist by foreign spies. A squad of FBI Agents led by "The Chief" (obviously referring to the Director) investigates the kidnaping with the help of "Little Annie Fanny." (Pages 201 - 205) (u)

This highly satirical strip attempts to poke fun at the Director and the Bureau's well-established reputation for loyalty, patriotism and high moral behavior. Its ridiculous exaggerations indirectly compliment the character and ideals of the FBI. Typical of the "college humor" tone of irreverence so flagrant in this article is the gross disrespect shown for the American flag. (u)

Recognizing the notoriously low caliber of the whole "Playboy" publication and its staff, this attempt to belittle the Bureau can in effect be considered an unintended compliment. (u)

Bufile 100-383747 indicates that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] These publications contained extremely graphic scenes of battle and horrors of war, and depicted the behavior of U. S. military personnel as so brutal and blood thirsty that they appeared to border upon sedition. Results of a Bureau investigation at that time were referred to the Department which decided that while the stories "appeared to be unnecessarily graphic in depicting battle scenes and the horrors of war, they could not be construed as advising counseling or urging insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny or refusal of duty by any member of the military or naval forces of the U. S. . . ."

Background information developed during the foregoing inquiry regarding (u)

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick

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RE: Playboy Magazine

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[redacted] failed to indicate any direct involvement in subversive activities but did reflect that [redacted]

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[redacted] (S) (u)  
previously noted, the author of the "Little Annie Fanny" strip in "Playboy,"

[redacted] (u)

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Bufiles failed to contain information identifiable with [redacted]  
[redacted] based upon available  
background information. (u)

The balance of the May issue of "Playboy" contains numerous photographs and sketches of nude or semi-nude women but no other pertinent references to the Director or the FBI. (u)

In view of the known hostility and well-established low character of this publication, there would appear to be no advantage to the Bureau in protesting the "Little Annie Fanny" column in "Playboy" magazine, any acknowledgement from the Bureau merely conveying an air of dignity which is completely nonexistent with this publication. (u)

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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